

East Side Union High School District
General Obligation Bonds
Argument in Favor of Measure E - Election of February 5, 2008

Everyone knows the importance and value of having quality schools. From higher achieving students to greater safety to improved property values, quality schools make a difference. While our teachers and staff do their best in educating students, as demonstrated by our increasing test scores, many classrooms and school facilities in the East Side Union High School District are severely overcrowded, outdated, and inadequate to provide students with the education they need to succeed.

The District operates eleven comprehensive and one continuation high schools, and several alternative, adult and charter schools. Many of our schools are outdated and need major upgrades and renovations. While facilities have been well maintained, over 900 of district classrooms are over 25 years old and do not meet 21st century education and technology standards.

In addition, our schools are overcrowded. Since 2001, District enrollment has increased by over 1,669 students to 25,077, and is expected to increase by 10% over the next seven years, creating an overcapacity of students by next year.

Measure E will improve classrooms and school facilities by:

- Constructing and modernizing science labs throughout the District
- Upgrading heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and electrical systems at existing high schools
- Constructing additional classrooms to reduce student overcrowding
- Improving student access to computers and modern technology by constructing and modernizing computer labs throughout the District
- Repairing and replacing outdated and leaky roofs

By law Measure E has taxpayer protections in place.

- All spending will be annually audited and reviewed by an independent citizens' oversight committee
- Funds can only be spent to improve our schools and not for administrative salaries

Measure E deserves our support. It will improve the quality of our local schools, help us improve the quality of our community and improve our property values. **Please join us and VOTE YES ON MEASURE E!**

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